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**Re:** U.S. Patent Application No. 09/640,190

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**Message:** Dear Examiner Tran:

Further to our telephonic conversation of November 27, 2002, a copy of the Amendment and Response which was filed on October 2, 2002, in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, is appended hereto, including the date stamped filing receipt card.

During the aforementioned telephonic conference with Applicant's attorney, the Examiner indicated that he did not yet receive the Amendment and Response which was filed on October 2, 2002, and requested a copy of the Amendment and Response of October 2, 2002, via facsimile.

Applicant urges the Examiner to expeditiously review the appended Amendment and Response. Please note that a Notice of Appeal is due by JANUARY 2, 2003, with a three month Extension of Time. The cost of the three month Extension of Time may have to be borne by the Applicant, in the event that the Examiner does not allow the application. Therefore, since the delay was caused entirely by the clerical staff of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicant urges the Examiner to contact Applicant's attorney as soon as the Amendment and Response has been received, to facilitate the early allowance of the application.

In the event that the application is not allowed, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to send a new Office Action (not an Advisory Action) with a three month shortened statutory period for reply, so that Applicant will not be burdened with the payment of a three month Extension of Time, which was caused by clerical delays at the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.  
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